

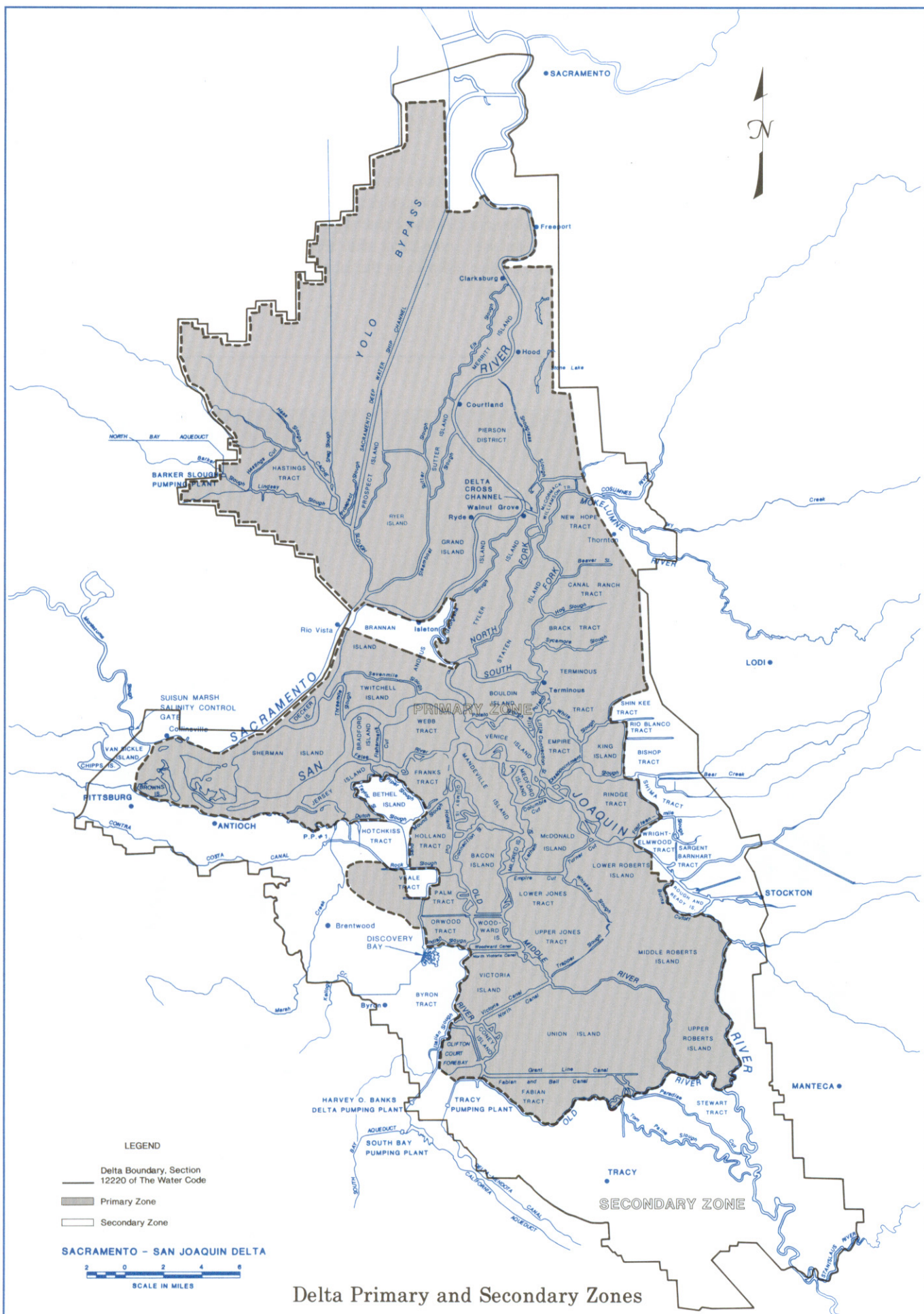
Counties

Portions of six counties — Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, and Yolo — make up the Delta, as shown on the map at left. Each of these counties is represented by an elected board of supervisors and has the responsibility of land use planning and zoning. The Delta Protection Act of 1992 provides for regional coordination by establishing the Delta Protection

Commission. The Commission is to develop a long-term resource management plan for an area designated as the Delta Primary Zone. All local general plans for areas within this zone are required to be consistent with the regional plan. The Delta Primary Zone is shown on the following map.



Court House in Courtland.



Delta Protection Commission

The Delta Protection Commission was established by the Delta Protection Act of 1992. The Commission is to develop a long-term resource management plan for the Delta Primary Zone. As stated in the Act, the goals of this regional plan are to “protect, maintain and, where possible, enhance and restore the overall quality of the delta environment, including, but not limited to, agriculture, wildlife habitat, and recreational activities.” The Delta Primary Zone is illustrated to the left. Text of the Delta Protection Act of 1992 is presented on pages 101 - 107. The Act acknowledges that agricultural land within the Delta is of

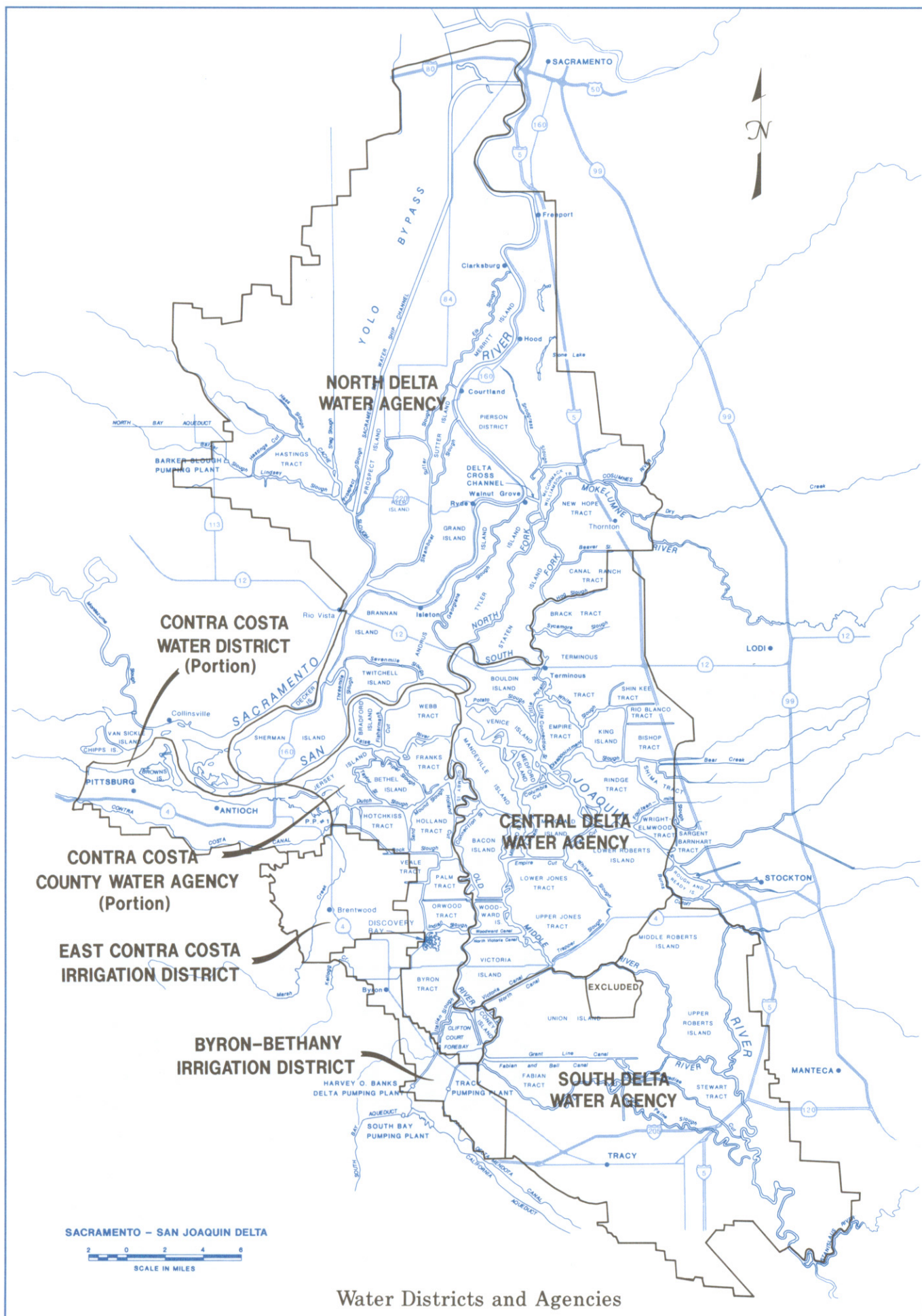
significant value as open space and habitat for water fowl using the Pacific Flyway. As such, the regional plan is to protect agricultural land within the Primary Zone from the intrusion of nonagricultural uses. All local general plans for areas within the Primary Zone are required to be consistent with the regional plan. The Secondary Zone consists of areas within the statutory Delta (as defined in Section 12220 of the California Water Code) but not part of the Primary Zone. Local general plans for land use in the Secondary Zone are not required to conform to a regional plan.



During fall and winter, agricultural fields in the Delta provide habitat for large populations of migratory waterfowl. One of the goals of the Delta Protection Act of 1992 is to preserve agricultural land within the Primary Zone.

The Delta is a popular area for water-based recreation such as fishing, sailing, and water-skiing. An objective of the regional plan for the Primary Zone is to maintain, and possibly enhance, recreational opportunities in the Delta.





Water Districts and Agencies

In November 1965, the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation reached agreement with some Delta interests on the quality of agricultural water to be maintained by the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project at various locations in the Delta. There was, however, no legal entity to sign the related contracts. As a result, the California Legislature created the Delta Water Agency. This agency was replaced with

three separate agencies in 1973 — the North Delta Water Agency, the Central Delta Water Agency, and the South Delta Water Agency. Contra Costa County Water Agency, East Contra Costa Irrigation District, and Byron-Bethany Irrigation District are the remaining local water-supply organizations. They are located in the southwest area of the Delta as shown on the map.



Siphon at Tom Paine Slough, installed as part of a settlement contract to improve water quality in a portion of the South Delta Water Agency.

Legislative Districts

District boundaries for the Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts were changed in accordance with the 1990 census under a court ordered reapportionment plan. The reapportioned

Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts covering the Delta are shown on the map at left and on the following pages. A list of the names of legislators for these districts is on page 121.



A view of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

